

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#68-79-2 Building Date: 1900

Building Name: Piggott-Sikken House

Location: 5108 Decatur Street, Edmonston, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Piggott-Sikken House is a variant of the basic front-gabled form; it is two-and-one-half stories high, and is distinguished by decorative gable treatment and projecting bays. Several elements vary the line of the basic front-gabled form. Entrance is in the easternmost bay of the principal south gable front, inset and sheltered by a corner porch with heavy segmental panelled arches. Above the entry porch in the southeast corner, a small square pyramidal-roof tower projects slightly from the east elevation at second-story level, and rises to a third story. Behind it, the next bay to the north consists of a projecting oriel window at second story level. And nearly centered on the west elevation is a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, covered by a hip roof which is itself enclosed within a cross gable in the west plane of the main roof. The house is sheathed with slate-blue asbestos shingle on the first and second stories; the gables are sided with fishscale shingles of the same color. The house is framed by mature trees, and the lot is flanked by two undeveloped lots.

Significance:

The Piggott-Sikken House is a good example of a Victorian vernacular dwelling typical of the emerging suburbs of the turn of this century. Derived from the basic front-gabled house form, it is distinguished by several Queen Anne style elements which vary its lines and make it a noticeable and handsome feature of its neighborhood. In 1900, J. Harris Rogers, developer of this area east of Hyattsville, sold 23 acre of his land to Charles Piggott, who completed construction of the subject house in that year. In the following year, Piggott sold the house and lot to Ernest A. Sikken, who worked as a clerk in the Government Printing Office. In 1903, when the land around the Sikken family property was subdivided, their land came to be designated as Lots #4, 5 and 6 of Block F in the new subdivision of East Hyattsville (part of the land which was incorporated in 1924 as Edmonston). The house remained the Sikken family home for 35 years. It is distinguished by projecting bays, oriel window and tower, which vary its lines. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Victorian vernacular of turn-of-this-century suburbs, and is a noticeable landmark in the community of Edmonston.

Acreage: 2850 Square feet

Piggott-Sikken House

PG#68-79-2

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/Single dwelling

Design Source: unknown

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Piggott-Sikken House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5108 Decatur St. ☐ not for publication

city, town Edmonston ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward Slavinsky

street & number 1635 Richard Circle telephone no.:

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code MD 20657

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 2456

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 262

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Piggott-Sikken House is a 2 1/2-story front-gabled frame dwelling distinguished by decorative gable treatment and projecting bays which vary its lines. It fronts on one of the principal street of the Town of Edmonston.

The house is a variant of the basic front-gabled form. The entrance is in the easternmost bay of the principal south gable front, but the entrance is inset and sheltered by a corner porch with heavy segmental panelled arches painted white. To the west of this entrance is a one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay in each face of which is a 1/1 double-hung-sash window. The entire south front is sheltered by a one-story shed-roof porch supported by metal trellis posts.

Above the shed-roof porch are two side-by-side 1/1 windows centered in the second story of the principal south gable front. Above these windows a frieze board (painted white) defines a pediment in the gable above. Centered in the tympanum is a round-arch louvered window.

The house is sheathed with slate-blue asbestos shingle on the first and second stories; the gables are sided with fishscale shingles of the same color. All windows have plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. The roof is covered with red-brown asbestos shingle, and the eaves are punctuated by exposed rafter ends painted white. There is a brick chimney just east of the ridge.

There are several projecting elements which vary the lines of the basic front-gabled form. Above the entry porch in the southeast corner, a small square pyramidal-roof tower projects slightly from the east elevation at second-story level, and rises to a third story. Behind it, the next bay to the north consists of a projecting oriel window at second-story level. And nearly centered on the west elevation is a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, with one 1/1 double-hung-sash window in each of its three faces on the first story, and only one in the central face at second level. This projecting bay is covered by a hip roof which is itself enclosed within a cross gable in the west plane of the main roof. This cross gable is lighted by a small oval window at loft level.

The house lot is flanked by two undeveloped lots. In the rear yard are several mature trees. A driveway runs along the west side of the house to a small gable-roof garage in the rear yard.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1900	

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Piggott-Sikken House is a good example of a Victorian vernacular dwelling typical of the emerging suburbs of the turn of this century. Derived from the basic front-gabled house form, it is distinguished by several Queen Anne style elements which vary its lines and make it a noticeable landmark in the community of Edmonston.

The land on which this part of Edmonston was developed had been part of the tract "Charles and Rebecca" which made up the southeasterly part of the Calvert family's Riversdale plantation. This part of the land was known as Spa Woods; it lay a short distance northeast of Bladensburg's Spa Spring Park, within the loop of the mill race for the Calvert family's Avalon Mill. This land was purchased in 1886 by J. Harris Rogers of Hyattsville, and years later he undertook a plat of subdivision for the property as a residential expansion of Hyattsville. The land was surveyed and platted as "East Hyattsville" in 1903, but the plat was not recorded, and during the early years of its development, building lots were sold by metes and bounds rather than by lots and blocks. The subject house was built before the land was platted for subdivision.¹

In 1900 J. Harris Rogers sold 2/3 acre of this land to Charles Piggott, who completed construction of the subject house in that year. The following year, 1901, Piggott and his wife sold the house and 2/3-acre lot to Ernest A. Sikken, and it remained the Sikken family home for 35 years.²

¹ Hopkins, G. M., Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington including the County of Prince George Maryland, 1878; unrecorded plat of East Hyattsville, Prince George's County Courthouse, Drawer 11, #99; Prince George's County Deed JWB#7:85.

² Prince George's County Deeds JB#10:503, #11:80; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1900-1905.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Item 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2850 sq ftQuadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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The house retains much of its Queen Anne style trim; derived from the basic front-gabled house form, it is distinguished by projecting bays, oriel and tower, which vary its lines. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Victorian vernacular of turn-of-this-century suburbs, and is a noticeable landmark in the community of Edmonston.

Figure 7. East Hyattsville, 1903

the Wells and Rogers subdivisions

1903

UNRECORDED PLAT
 The following Commission has been made of the plat and the same is hereby approved and the same is hereby recorded for the purpose of giving notice to all persons who may have an interest in the same that the same is hereby approved and the same is hereby recorded for the purpose of giving notice to all persons who may have an interest in the same.

WELLS AND WELLS
 SUBDIVISION OF
 PALESTINE FARM
 ADJOINING HYATTSVILLE, MD
 1903



RECORDED MAY 13, 1903

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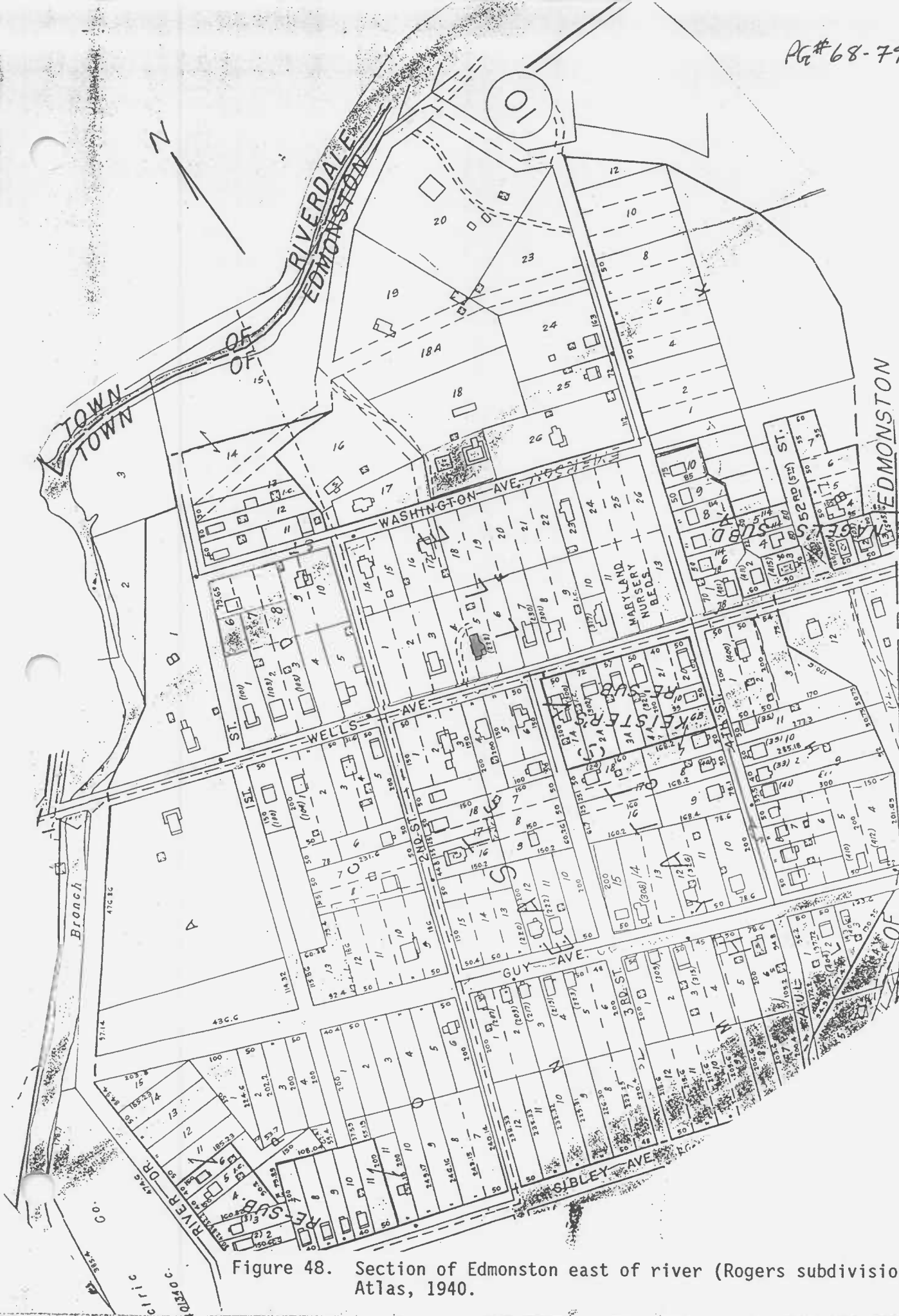


Figure 48. Section of Edmonston east of river (Rogers subdivision), Franklin Atlas, 1940.

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Edmonston

Prince Georges County

Washington East





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Piggott-Sickler House
Chambers Co. MO
Susan H. Davis

February 1993

MO SHPO

South side

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Pl #68-49-2

Piggott-Like House

Bruci Lopez's Co. MD

Lucas St. Pearl

February 1993

MD SHPO

SW $\frac{3}{4}$ elevation

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Piggott - Lickin House
Prince George's Co. MD
Susan G. Piggott
July 1993
MD SHPO
Southeast